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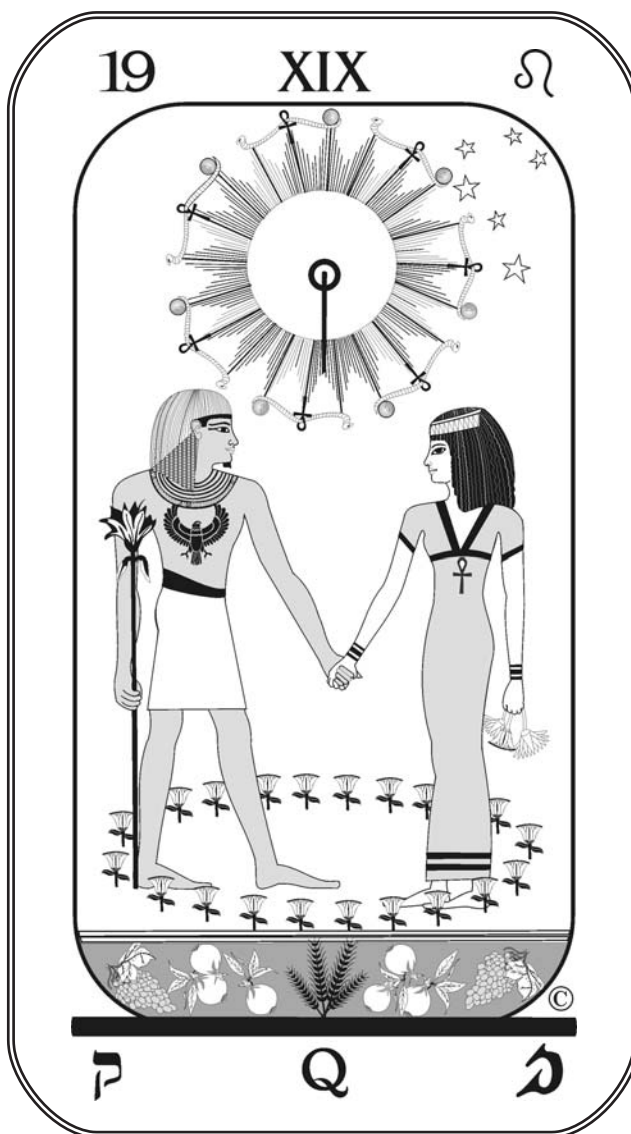
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card PART XX
The Sun

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Outstanding characteristics of the sign Leo are the dominating power conferred by its astrological orb, the Sun, which gives to it ability for rulership; and its natural affinity for the fifth house of a birth chart, which maps the mental factors within the individual's mind relating to pleasure and love affairs. Consequently, when the Masters of the past came to design a pictographic explanation of the teachings associated with the sign, it was quite in order they should make the Sun a conspicuous part of the picture, and that those in love should also find prominent place in the portrayal.

That the significance of the teaching should be unmistakable, not only were a young man and a young woman holding hands, and adoringly gazing into each other's eyes presented, but in the Sun above them was traced conspicuously the well-known emblem of union.



Yet Leo is not the sign of sex. Instead, it is the sign of love. And while the rays of the Sun above are grouped in threes, tied together by an emblem on one end of which is the globe of earth, in the middle of which is the symbol of union so located as to represent the astral plane, and at the other end the head of the solar serpent to signify the spiritual — thus symbolizing perfect union expressed on all three planes — not only the simplicity of garb, but the lotus each figure carries, implies the purest of affections. And the flowers springing up about them symbolize the joy and happiness of the domestic circle which more than compensates those thus united in simplicity of life, moderation of desires, and purity of thought, for any material hardships they must undergo.

The number 20, as will be explained in the next article of this series, relates to an awakening and resurrection. And thus do the 20 flowers encircling the lovers signify the potency of domestic harmony to

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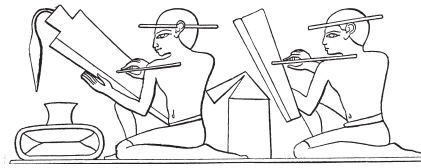
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Christopher Gibson

In the American Southwest the season of spring is a time of incredible beauty. The world literally comes alive after the somber brown and grey tones of winter. As the days grow in length the crocuses and hyacinths are the first to break through the soil. They are soon followed by daffodils, narcissi, and tulips which bring scent and vivid color to the end of winter. The flowering trees are the next plants to burst into bloom. The musky flowers of peaches, almonds, and apricots are followed by the sweet fragrance of apple blossoms. Albuquerque and the surrounding countryside gently glow with the brilliant magenta of redbud and florescent yellow of forsythia. By mid-April the lilacs begin to perfume every city block with their delicate purple flowers. With the greening of the Rio Grande Valley the luminosity of spring brings a feeling of hopeful expectancy of the warmth and rains of summer yet to come.

The Church of Light is currently abuzz with the excitement of completing the last phase of renovating our new headquarters. The first half of 2005 was focused on replacing 70 year old glass panes with thermal windows, upgrading the electrical and heating/cooling systems, finishing off the basement to create more usable space, and painting.

Since August when the moving trucks arrived we have been unpacking, setting up our offices and mail order department, and settling in to our new home. Winter was an exciting time with our grand opening and emphasis on

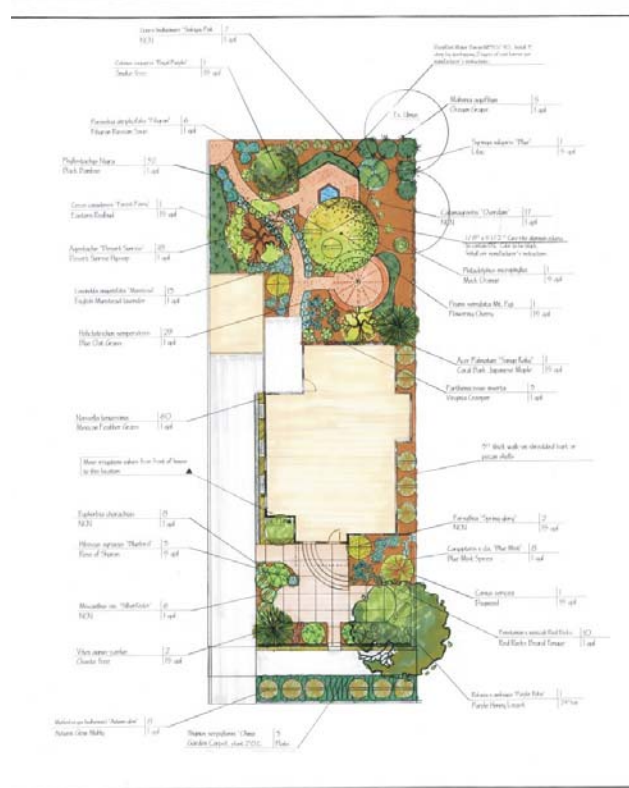
generating new activities such as classes, services, seminars, and public lectures.

Now spring has arrived and we direct our attentions to the exterior of our home. What was once a barren patch of land with a couple of dead trees is about to be transformed into the Elizabeth D. Benjamine Meditation Garden. This beautifully designed garden will dress up the front of our offices and make it a more inviting destination for the public. The

rear of our property will soon be transformed into a garden sanctuary complete with a water feature, seating, and ceremonial space. As the garden becomes established the plant selections will grow and screen the buildings that flank our property generating a sense of privacy and prayerful contemplation.

This current issue of the Quarterly will also reflect the newness of spring as we share the writings of Peter Tourian and Allyn McCray, two new contributors to our magazine. Their ongoing columns will continue to appear in future issues. Peter, a Missionary Teacher and recent Hermeticians provide insights on a variety of

Hermetic topics. Allyn, a local artist, who traveled to Egypt with the Church of Light group last April will share her spectacular photographs and entertain us with her journey through Egypt. We have included an annual feature, the Mundane Cycle Charts which will reveal the direction of our country in the times to come. Enjoy reading this Quarterly and when in New Mexico make plans to visit the Elizabeth D. Benjamine Meditation Garden. ✨



Spiritual Astrology

Triangulum

Peter Tourian

Very recently, in the celestial course of life, we have celebrated the new year. It is the time when, in its apparent motion, the Sun crosses over the celestial equator and marks the northern hemisphere's return from the darkness of winter. This time held great significance in ancient cultures, whose survival and well-being depended upon the vital life force which the re-birth of the sun heralded.

Astrologically, new beginnings are marked by the sign Aries, symbolized by the Ram. The key-phrase for Aries is I AM, and what better way to commence something than by establishing a connection between it and the beginning of all things, the Spirit? Indeed, when Moses asks of God what he shall call Him, he is informed by God that "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). Thus, if we may penetrate so deeply, what is the most basic nature of God? It seems to be "I Am-ness", or Being. That is, before any consideration of the diversity of life, we must consider Life itself. In our tradition, this is encapsulated in our common greeting to each other "Life, Love, and Light". Life, which is unified in its expression, exists prior to Love and Light, the polar experiences of Life. Aries, which represents the initiating energy of Life being unfurled throughout the year, is well associated with Being, or Spirit, the initiating quality of existence itself.

The first decanate of Aries is represented not by a Centaur, or a Lion, or anything so fantastic or grand, but by a regular, ordinary, almost plain triangle! Indeed, one begins to wonder whether our spiritual ancestors didn't miss something in the translation to begin all of their terrific wisdom with a tri-

angle! And yet, very simply, very plainly, by the construction of an object with three angles, three sides, and one face, they have relayed to us a basic roadmap for existence itself.

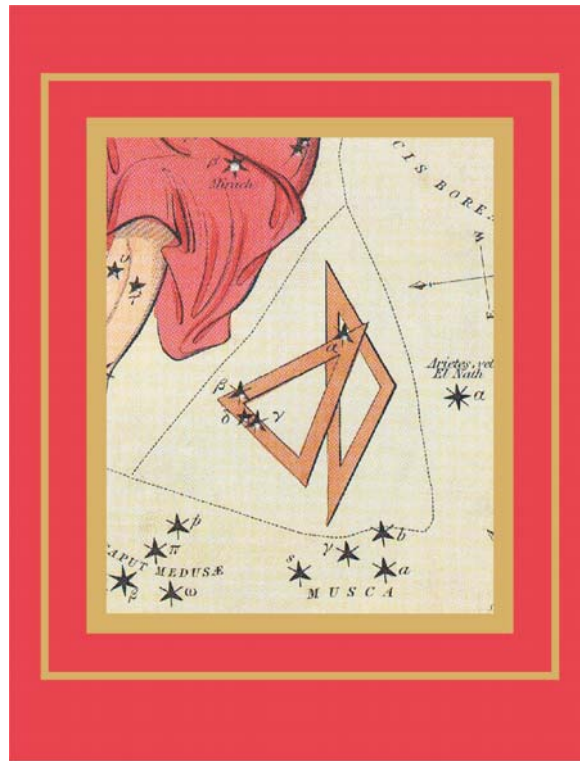
The most obvious association between a triangle and number is "3". In fact, the word itself indicates its origins. Thus, we can expect that a triangle will involve the number three. As described in great detail by Pythagoras, who studied in

Egypt, the ancients did not conceive of numbers merely as concrete tools, helpful in charging a fee, or paying the rent. The ancients considered the very origins of numbers themselves as immutable, unchanging symbols which could be used to describe the unfolding of life. Thus we have the fields of numerology, or arithmology, as the case may be.

In the conception of the ancients, each number demonstrated a basic personality. One is associated with Unity, Oneness, the Undifferentiated State, and Potentiality. It is represented by the point. Two is associated with Polarity, Diversity, Difference, and Separation. It is demonstrated by two points connected, or a line. Imagined as a point moving

through space, it also indicates Movement. Three is created by the union of 1 and 2, and thereby represented Offspring, Action, and Result. It initiates the field of plane study, as it is impossible to create a plane figure with any less than three points. And the simplest plane, or form, which may be created anywhere in the Universe is a triangle.

The Spiritual Teaching regarding the triangle, as articulated in Course 7, *Spiritual Astrology* is "All Life, Thought, and



Triangulum $\Upsilon \diamond \Upsilon$ Activity

Action are the Product of the Union of Positive and Negative Potencies.” Here we have the essence of our consideration. Life (1), through the power of Thought (2), results in Action (3). The triangle initiates our astrological year because all things in the Universe are initiated by a pattern of three.

One encapsulates all things, but is incapable of any differentiation. Thus, it stores the potential for manifestation, but is not manifestation itself. Two introduces the concept of opposites, such as black and white, hot and cold, but as two, prohibits any interaction between them. It is only with the advent of three that the gap between the polar opposites introduced by two is bridged. Hence the Pythagoreans called it “mean”, as in the average or balance point between two opposites. And here is a possible conception of the Holy Trinity of life: that all of existence is accommodated by a three-fold treatment. For example, in considering the Chemistry of a substance, it can be classified as either

Acidic or Basic. However, many things are neither wholly acidic nor basic, but exist somewhere in between. The principle of three, that of balancing, equilibrating, and compromising allows for an adequate description of all chemicals, as its potentialities are expanded infinitely.

Perhaps, then, Triangulum is not quite as prosaic as we might have originally thought, and perhaps the ancients have kept our confidence, through their ability to convey timeless Universal Truths in the simplest of terms. ❀

Resources: *Spiritual Astrology, Course 7; The Holy Bible; The Theology of Arithmetic*, by Iamblicus.

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The Tablets of Aeth

Tablet The Fourth

Moon ☾

“A wonderful spider’s-web; the web glitters in the faint moonlight against a dark background of blue; moon invisible; on the outside of web a star, in the center a spot of light, underneath a coffin filled with stones.”

As the spider, each soul seeks to create its own web at times invisible and at times a thing of beauty glistening with dew or glimmering in the pale moonlight. That which we weave of our own design often entangles objects not of our desire or making. We live in a world where all souls are present of all varying degrees of soul development and each soul does not know which level of spiritual achievement is indeed dwelling behind that mask of flesh. The soul weaves its web and waits, but must deal with what it catches.

A chance movement is one day detected from the hiding place above the web and the soul moves out to inflict its poison into its victim, but no one is there. A glance up and behold a larger web has surrounds yours and now you have become the victim and most certain death.

Instead of being the spider, be the universe. The resurrection of the soul is in the realization that the soul is the microcosm and macrocosm of the Cosmic Mind. The soul breaks free from the webs of life and in its place forsakes its own mediocre life to assist the Cosmic Mind. There is a unity then of dreams, goals and higher states of being. There is a sharing of universal truths in love that results in greater understanding, blessings and grace filled actions in every conscious active moment so that in reality you are part of all there was, is or ever will be.

Through your unity with the Universe, your special gifts of the universe will shine, but alone by yourself, you are nothing. Your ego must give way to in unity become the Universal Ego. Death only brings new life, but like the Universe, must progress and advance up the evolution of spiritual development and understanding. ❀



From the Light of Egypt, Vol. II by T.H. Burgoyne "...The Tablets of AETH, ...constitute a spiritual astrology, a spiritual science of the stars, void of mathematics, yet possessing all the exactitude of figures, constructed on the principles of astronomy, yet expressed by the methods of the Kabbalah....."



Night.

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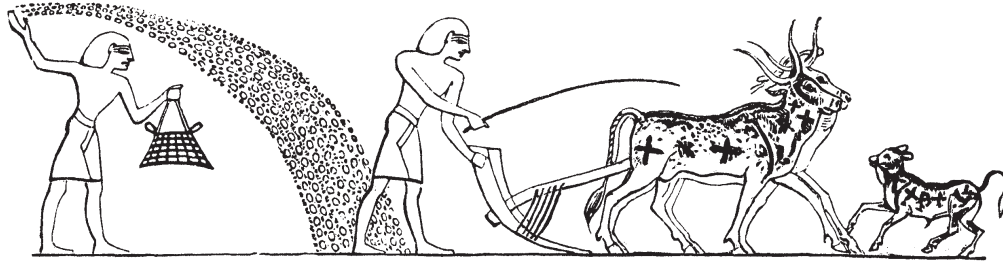
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"The web of life has caught the monad of the soul and thus incarnated the universe, for each soul incarnates its universe at birth, each one's world being different, and peculiar unto himself. At the first breath the young child polarizes his relations to stars and earth, and it is the affinity and repulsion which make his life experience. And the stars weave the web in their lines of sextile, square and trine, of opposition and conjunction, thus enveloping the monad in the Circle of Necessity.

Outside the star of the spirit, the Ego, shines clear, free from the entanglements of the web and unaffected by the magnetic glamour of the Moon. And lo! the coffin is filled with stones, a symbol of death and the Moon, which is but a casket of stones. Therefore, little monad, caught in the tangle of the web of life and the glamour of earthly things, take heart, for, beyond all, is the star of your being. Call down the law of that star into yourself, and the web is broken and waves its tattered shreds in the breeze. The moonlight, the reflected light, pales as the Star-Sun of your being rises, and the moonlight of Earth gives place to the Sun-Spheres of Ra.

"O child of Adam, The beginning of sorrow is the dawn of spiritual life. The wise man rules the stars; the fools of Earth obey."





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Awaken and Resurrect the spiritual flora of the soul; and that pleasure is the determining factor which guides the activities of all organic life even as the Sun controls the planets which circle about it. That is, just as astrologers recognize Leo as the ruling zodiacal sign, so does the science of psychology recognize pleasure, a principle to which the fifth house of a birth chart is closely allied, as the ruling motive of human life. And it is the ruling motive also of those activities energized by the progressed aspects of the planets which attract each event of importance that enters an individual's life.

But if we are to understand how this principle of pleasure operates when progressed aspects form, we must recognize that events are the offspring not of one parent, but always of two. Arcanum XIX of the tarot clearly indicates this in picturing the sign Leo, natural ruler of the house of offspring. Not one lover is pictured, but both a man and a woman; and they join hands to signify that what comes to pass is the result of forces interacting between them. Yet there are many people who still believe that events are the offspring of but a single parent; either of the physical world alone, or of the invisible world alone, without the aid of the other.

Thus on the one hand we have the materialist, who sees in the physical world alone, all the forces which mold events. He denies even, the existence of an invisible world in which mind can and does function. To him the unconscious mind is merely air excretion of the physical body, and the forces of the planets which play upon the finer form of man like streams of water under pressure from so many different hoses, are quite non-existent. The events of life are considered by him to have but one parent, the material world, and when the physical form disintegrates the unconscious mind or soul disintegrates and perishes also. On the other hand we have the astrological Fortune Teller. His knowledge of the inner world usually is limited by the inflexible rules on which he believes astrology to be based. He is convinced, and has ample evidence to support his convictions, that the stars constantly influence the life and destiny of every human being. And because experience on the part of everyone who takes the pains to learn the generally accepted rules of astrology leads to a conviction that man is thus influenced, he jumps to the totally unwarranted conclusion that the invisible influence of the stars is the sole and only parent of each event which occurs in an individual's life. Thus the Fortune Teller astrologer maintains that everything indicated in the birth chart and by progressed aspects inevitably must come to pass. To him the planets in their courses predetermine each event and human action.

But if the teachings the ancients explained in the Major Arcanum depicting the fifth sign of the zodiac, Leo, are correct, events, similar to children, are not the offspring of one parent alone, but of two. They come to pass not exclusively through the influence of the inner world, but through the interaction between this Father World and Mother Earth.

When people clasp each other by the hand, as the lovers in this picture do, there is an interchange of energies. Thus also is there a constant interchange of energies between the astral world, where the unconscious mind of man resides, and the world of physical happenings. The world of physical happenings adds the energies of the individual's various experiences to the thought-cells and thought-structures of his unconscious mind. Thus his physical environment, and what transpires in it as affecting him, add energies to his unconscious mind which Condition the specific direction of the desires of the thought-cells of his unconscious mind. He starts in physical human life as a babe in whose unconscious mind are stored the experiences of evolution through lower forms. These experiences have organized the thought-cells and structures within the mentality such as are mapped in kind, intensity and the general direction of their desires by the positions of the planets in the birth chart.

The prominence of each planet in the birth chart indicates the volume of energy possessed by the corresponding family of thought-cells within the unconscious mind. Thus the prominence of Mars maps the vigor of the Aggressive thought-cells, the prominence of Saturn maps the vigor of the Safety thought-cells, and the prominence of the Sun maps the vigor of the Power thought-cells, and so on with the others of the ten families of thought-cells whose expression comprises the sum total of man's behavior.

The signs of the zodiac in which these planets are found in the birth chart denote that the Aggressive thought-cells, Utopian thought-cells, etc., mapped by the planets have a basic trend toward expressing in the manner characteristic of the sign in which they are thus mapped.

The department of life involved in the experiences which built these thought-cells before human birth, and the department of life they will affect during human life, is mapped in the chart of birth by the house which the planet rules.

It is the Extra Physical Power exercised by the various types of thought-cells and thought-structures of which the unconscious mind, or soul, is composed, that attracts to the individual the conditions and events of his life. We must not conclude, however, that the Activity of the thought-cells of the unconscious mind is the sole determining factor in the events and conditions which an individual experiences. They are the Father of those experiences, and the physical environment is the matrix which restricts or expands their ability to bring forth special events; that is, physical environment is the Mother which gives them form, and no offspring as an event can be born which the Mother is incapable of providing.

It is one of the most fundamental principles of life that organisms move toward that which gives them pleasure and retreat from that which gives them pain. And desire was developed by the soul as the energy through which it moved toward or away from a condition in its environment. Those

conditions it felt to be pleasurable it had a tendency to move toward, that it might gain their benefit. And the energy of this tendency, whether simple or complex, was an Attractive Desire.

Those conditions the soul felt to be painful, it had a tendency to move away from, that it might escape destruction. And the energy of this tendency, whether simple or more complex, was a Repellent Desire.

All the actions of life, including even the manner in which the thought-elements combine in the thought-cells of the astral body, and the way the thought-cells unite in groups to form stellar structures, are Conditioned by pleasure or pain. Thought-cell groups within the unconscious mind that have been Conditioned by pleasure are mapped by planets in the birth chart which receive harmonious aspects. But thought-cell groups within the unconscious mind that have been Conditioned by pain are mapped in the birth chart by planets which receive discordant aspects. Thus the Aspects either in a birth chart or by progression indicate whether the thought-cells are Conditioned by pleasure to cause them to desire and exert such EXTRA PHYSICAL POWER as they can acquire to attract events such as the individual wants; or are Conditioned by pain to cause them to desire and exert such EXTRA PHYSICAL POWER as they can acquire to repel the events the individual wants, which signifies they work to attract events of the opposite nature.

The thought-cells within the unconscious mind of a child at birth, as indicated by the planets in the birth chart, provide a map showing the relative volume of energy of each family of thought-cells. And whenever such a group of thought-cells receives sufficient energy, as it does through a progressed aspect to the planet mapping it, that it has EXTRA PHYSICAL POWER to Demonstrate an event, the event that then comes into the individual's life invariably shows the planetary characteristics. That is, if the progressed aspect is to Mars, it is accompanied by strife; if the progressed aspect is to Jupiter, it is accompanied by abundance, etc.

Furthermore, the event or events then attracted while the progressed aspect is within one degree of perfect, relates to

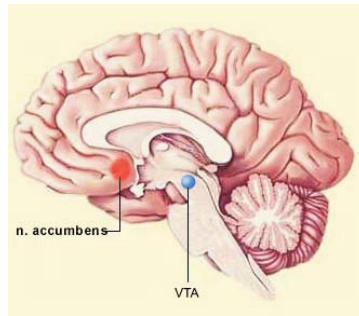
the department of life signified by the house which one of the two aspecting planets rules. We have proved these things in statistical studies made during the past nine years covering 1,800 separate and distinct events that have actually happened in people's lives whose times of birth are known.

Furthermore, by considering the basic harmony or discord of the thought-cells as mapped by the aspects in the birth chart, in connection with the harmony or discord of the

planetary energy added to these thought-cells by a given progressed aspect, a good indication may be had as to whether the event attracted by the EXTRA PHYSICAL POWER of the thought-cells at the time is harmonious or discordant to the individual. That is, to the extent it is possible to gauge the pleasure or pain of the thought-cells given unusual Activity by a progressed aspect, is it also possible to gauge whether working from the inner plane they are trying to Demonstrate that which the individual desires, or trying to Demonstrate something they desire and the individual does not.

Now the astrological Fortune Teller holds that the birth chart and subsequent positions of the planets not only predetermine the general characteristics of each event which happens, as shown by the aspecting planets; the department of life affected, as indicated by the house rulership of the planets; and the harmony or discord of the event; but also its specific nature. Arcanum XIX, however, teaches that the specific event which is thus Demonstrated by the thought-cells receiving the energy of a progressed aspect, often largely is determined by the resistance offered by the physical environment to various specific events of the general character indicated.

For about twenty years The Church of Light has had Centers established in the Belgian Congo, Nigeria, Liberia and Gold Coast, in Western Africa. From the students located in these regions we have had ample opportunity to collect and study the charts of aboriginal people of the African equatorial region. We have also collected charts of those born in Alaska who yet live there. And while it is true that in the



For a species to survive, its members must carry out such vital functions as eating, reproducing, and responding to aggression. Evolution has therefore developed certain areas in our brain whose role is to provide a pleasurable sensation as a "reward" for carrying out these vital functions.

The ventral tegmental area (VTA), a group of neurons at the very center of the brain, plays an especially important role in this circuit. The VTA receives information from several other regions that tell it how well various fundamental needs, and more specifically human needs, are being satisfied.

The VTA then forwards this information to another structure further forward in the brain: the nucleus accumbens. To send this information to the nucleus accumbens, the VTA uses a particular chemical messenger: dopamine. The increase in the level of dopamine in the nucleus accumbens, and in other brain regions, reinforces the behaviors by which we satisfy our fundamental needs.

northern regions certain signs tend to occupy more houses, and others to be compressed within certain houses, otherwise the charts of New Yorkers, African Bushmen, and Alaskan Indians present the same appearance. In fact, from the birth chart alone none of our students, and none of the great number of students who, during the past twenty years have visited The Church of Light classes in Los Angeles, has even pretended he could tell if the chart was that of an African Bushman, a Polynesian from the South Seas, a native of the Bronx, an Indian, or a Setter Dog.

I have seen dog charts, and charts of aboriginals, the planetary positions in which were so nearly identical with those of the educated white people whose charts I have seen, that the difference was too imperceptible to influence an astrological reading of the chart.

People in Alaska, in New York City and in Equatorial Africa have similar birth charts. And during their lives they have progressed aspects which are practically identical.

At birth they started with thought-cells within their unconscious minds which were similar in the relative volume of energy, which had the same planetary family characteristics, which related to the same departments of life, and which were similar in harmony or discord. But in the specific desires developed by these thought-cells, they were Conditioned each according to the physical environment. The Alaskan Indian of the interior region was Conditioned to take long snowshoe trips in winter, to provide himself with warm garments of fur, and to follow the various traditional customs of his tribe. In such environment, no birth chart positions and no progressed aspect could cause him to take a daily ride on the subway, or do any one of innumerable things a New Yorker commonly does. Nor could they cause the native living in Equatorial Africa to travel on snowshoes, or do any one of a large, variety of things the northern Indian finds commonplace.

From the large number of birth charts I have given detailed study, I have no reason to suppose that people born in the southern United States have Saturn less afflicted as a rule than people born on the border of Canada. Nor that people born in the well recognized goiter areas of the world have afflictions in Taurus, or Venus and the Sun afflicted, more frequently than people born in the other areas of the world.

Yet the September, 1937, issue of AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE indicated Dr. C. A. Mills of the University of Cincinnati had found that tooth decay in American school children increases steadily as the distance from the equator increases. He explains this as due to the decreased amount of ultra violet light reaching inhabitants of the northern latitudes. Tooth decay is indicated in the birth chart by an afflicted Saturn. But where the physical environment is more favorable to sound teeth, providing the vitamin D through the action of abundant sunlight, and thus increasing the ability to handle calcium, the influence of discordant Saturn thought-cells on the teeth is less inimical.

A predisposition toward goiter is shown by afflictions in Taurus, or Venus and the Sun afflicted. The time when it develops is when by progression there is also an affliction to the planets in Taurus, to Venus, or to the Sun. Yet in those regions of the earth lacking iodine in the soil, the prevalence of this difficulty — in some areas of Tibet, for instance, affecting one person out of every three — indicates that there it requires far less affliction from either birth chart or progressed planets to bring on goiter, than it does in certain other unusually well iodized regions, where this disease is practically unknown.

These observations and hundreds of others that could be cited, while quite discrediting the Fatalistic view of the Fortune Teller who uses astrology, in no sense detract either from the merits or the use of scientific astrology. They simply point to that which the ancients endeavored to explain in Arcanum XIX of the tarot, that the specific event which under a given birth chart and a given progressed aspect is born, is not identical if the Mother, that is, the physical environment is different.

The thought-cells relating to certain broad types of events, and affecting definite departments of life, have a basic Activity and a basic harmony or discord, and these are mapped by the birth chart. It has been definitely proven by psychologists Mandel and Irene Case Sherman that all an infant's reactions to environmental conditions, except swallowing, closing the eye when the cornea is irritated, sneezing, response to deep pressure, loud noise, restraint, and sudden movement as in dropping, are Conditioned by the pleasure or pain experienced in connection with subsequent physical situations. And while the thought-cells within its unconscious mind work to Demonstrate certain physical situations within the environment, they can only utilize that which the broad environment can furnish for such purposes.

An individual with many planets in his third and ninth houses, as in the chart of the late O.O. McIntyre, for instance, who had three in his ninth and one in his third, may become so Conditioned by early environment that the events which the thought-cells so mapped constantly endeavor to Demonstrate relate, not to travel, but to writing and publishing. As a matter of record, the thought-cells mapped by these houses were so busily engaged in Demonstrating events relating to writing and publishing that the famous columnist refrained from travel, spent even his vacations at home in New York, and although he had hoped to do so, never even journeyed back for a visit to the Midwestern town of his birth.

Jack London, on the other hand, with one planet in his ninth and one in his third, and Henry M. Stanley, with one planet in his ninth and two in his third, were each so Conditioned by early environment that the third-house and ninth-house thought-cells continued to Demonstrate journeys throughout most of their lives. Each also became a journalist and a writer of books; but early in life, before the literary career started, environmental conditions had been such that it took

almost no exercise of EXTRA PHYSICAL POWER for these third – and ninth-house thought-cells to Demonstrate a voyage. Thus they became Conditioned to find pleasure in travel, and never did feel complete satisfaction through literary expression alone. And a progressed aspect in either of their charts, that if it had occurred in McIntyre's would merely have caused him to write a magazine article, in addition to "New York Day by Day" which appeared daily for 20 years, would have caused London or Stanley not only to have written and published something new, but also to have taken some wild journey, perhaps half around the world.

I have tried this: thrown a birth chart of some person on the screen, and informed the students of all the progressed aspects which were within one degree of the perfect aspect at a time which I had not yet specified in the person's life. I have shown at the time that the ruler of the fifth house, the ruler of the seventh house, and Venus were all strongly and harmoniously aspected by progression. Immediately the students would suggest that the individual must then have married. At this point I revealed that at the time the person was only six years old. The answer was obvious. The fifth house Activity related to school, and the seventh house to school associates, and the Venus aspect stimulated such affections as are common to six-year-olds.

Without so informing the class, I have thus used charts of those already happily married, and shown progressed aspects favorable to the fifth and seventh house. When they suggested the event attracted was marriage, I would explain such to be impossible without bigamy. That is, progressed aspects indicating marriage to an unmarried person of the

right age, may indicate the birth of a child and a favorable business partnership to a person already happily married.

The environmental resistance offered the fifth-house and seventh-house thought-cells to the marriage of a six-year-old child, or to the marriage of a person already happily married, is so great that these thought-cells can not Demonstrate this particular event. They thus spend the energy derived from the progressed aspect in Demonstrating some other event, which partakes of the characteristics of the planets making the aspect, and belongs to the same general department of life.

It is even logical to suppose, and there is abundant evidence in support of this conclusion, that the special event which the thought-cells Demonstrate at the time they acquire new energy from progressed aspects, is determined by the general trend of that which gives them pleasure, but within this more general scope, the event occurs to which environment offers the least resistance. But even here the Leo principle of pleasure is the determining factor; for in thus seeking the event which within the broader scope of their desires is most easily brought to pass, these thought-cell Activities which are the Father of the event, avoid the pain of work which is too difficult; and permit Physical Environment, which is the Mother, to have a deciding influence as to the Specific Event which then is born.



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Occult Science

Relativity and Hermetic Science

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Einstein's Theory of Relativity:

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Where E = energy
m = mass
v = velocity
c = speed of light

1. When $v < c$, $\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$ > 0 or positive and the entire expression is "rational"

Implied is that for relative velocities less than the speed of light, the expression is a real description of the laws of nature governing any physical body, specifically its mass and energy. That it is "rational" refers to the fact that the phenomena described are of a level of existence knowable and verifiable by the so-called "rational" senses, the physical cognitive senses of the awake, conscious, reasoning brain; "rational consciousness." Briefly, for relative velocities less than the speed of light, the expression is a description of phenomena in what the Hermetic science refers to as the physical realm.

2. When $v \rightarrow c$, $\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \rightarrow 0$ and $E \rightarrow \infty$

This implies that a physical object— an object having the physical properties of mass and velocity—would require an infinite amount of energy (and mass) to travel at the speed of light. It defines the non-attainable upper limit of relative velocity for any particular physical object in the known physical universe. The realm of existence where velocities closely approach the speed of light is known as the boundary line region of electromagnetic energies (boundary line EME).

3. When $v = c$, $\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = 0$ and $E = 0$

This implies that at the velocity of light "objects" no longer have physical properties and do not exist as ordinarily apprehensible in the lower velocity, physical realm of the known universe.

4. When $v > c$, $\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$ > 0 or negative; and $\sqrt{-n} = \sqrt{(-1)n} = i \sqrt{n}$, an imaginary number, which makes the expression "irrational"

This implies that what is being described no longer has properties apprehensible by the physical senses or so-called "rational" senses. Instead it possesses other properties, analogously related to mass, velocity, and energy and subject to description only by the laws of nature. They are applicable to the so-called "irrational" or "imaginary" realm of existence. In Hermetic Science this level of existence is referred to as the astral realm.

"Irrational" is equated with "subconscious"—below or outside of the threshold of physical, awake, conscious experience. "Imaginary" is equated with the idea of archetypal images or concepts and thought patterns. It is associated with that which is created through and has its existence and being in thought or mind.

Thus is described a level of existence apart from, yet interpenetrating the physical universe. Its existence is non-apprehensible by physical cognition and is knowable only by extra-physical senses—psychic, astral, or soul senses, and it is verifiable only by analogy. In Hermetic Science this is called the *Law of Correspondence*: "As below so above, and as above, so below."

The theory of relativity has a scientifically verified postulate. It says that, for relative velocities less than the speed of light, as an object accelerates and its velocity increases—especially as the velocity becomes relatively high—relative time for that object slows down as compared with time for objects traveling at commonplace, relatively slow velocities familiar to the physical world.

The scenario used to illustrate this phenomenon is a spaceship traveling near the speed of light, having been sent out on an exploration mission deep into interstellar space. The young crew members return many years after their departure still appearing vigorous and young, having aged and experienced the passage of no more than several years of time on their space ship. However, all their contemporaries

left behind on Earth, by the time of the spaceship's return, have become quite old and are close to death, having experienced the passage of their entire adult lives. That is, in the physical realm when velocities are low, time is relatively fast. At the level of higher velocities time is relatively slow.

The subsection of Hermetic Science called astrology uses as predictive tools two ratios to define this time differential. One is called the Ratio of Major Progressions where 365.25 days or 1 year of calendar time in the earthly physical realm is equated to 1 day of "major progression time". This is the

analogous description used for "time" in the astral realm. The second is called the Ratio of Minor Progressions where 365.25 days or 1 year of calendar time in the earthly physical realm is equated to 27.3 days of "minor progression time". This is the analogous description used for "time" in the region of boundary line EME. These ratios have been shown to describe the timing of thought trends with consequent observable effects upon the lives of individuals, upon specific types of groups, and upon nations here on earth. ✨



Travelogue: Egypt 2005

“Return to Spirit” ... a Journey of Enlightenment

Allyn McCray

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Earlier today, the power of the Great Pyramid jolted from my subconscious a few pieces that fit into the puzzle of my spiritual path. I’ve showered off the desert sand and heat and now sit quietly and alone for the first time in four days. Cool water drips and evaporates from my hair as the sunlight streams through our hotel window. Dean and Paul are at the pool and in an hour or so we’ll have to get ready for an evening adventure. In the meantime, there are precious few minutes to try to recall and record all that occurred since the beginning of our journey to Egypt.

We left our home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 4:00 am to catch our flight to New York. We thought it was a good idea to leave a day early ensuring our connecting flight and leaving us enough time to enjoy a little bite of the Big Apple. It also allowed us a full night’s rest before our long flight to Cairo. The following evening, we met Paul and Vicki at the airport and, full of anticipation and good spirits, chatted about what may lie ahead. We all heard stories of how people traveling to Egypt often report strange experiences and psychic breakthroughs. At last, it was time to board our plane.

The flight was long and tedious. We did the best we could to entertain ourselves by reading, watching the two movies provided, one in English and one in Arabic with subtitles, and visiting with members of our group. A young Egyptian man was seated next to us. Happy and constantly smiling, traits we would learn are common among the Egyptian people, talking to him made the long flight a little easier. Next time, though, I’ll remember to take along a Tylenol PM. Ten hours and ten time zones later, the Captain announced that we were finally approaching the landing strip. The passengers on board spontaneously applauded and cheered at the prospect of terra firma. We all strained to see what we could see of our destination. Below us, however, a thick brown haze blanketed Cairo and barely allowed us a glimpse of its



photographed by Dean Jones

sprawling streets and byways. Having visited third world cities before, I anticipated that Cairo would seem polluted and chaotic by American standards, but I was not prepared for a blanket of smog this dense. Fifteen million people live in Cairo, and it looked like a war zone where smoke was still clearing from the bombs. Could whatever I’m looking for in this journey be found in such a place?

We were greeted at Cairo’s sparkling new airport by one of our efficient and friendly travel guides. It was comforting to know that we were in good hands going through customs as the airport was a bustle of confusion. The armed guards swarming the place gave me a doubled-edged sense of security and danger.

They were packing ammo and looked like they meant business. After our luggage was accounted for and handed over to others

for transport, the guards escorted us to a parking lot where we were loaded onto a minibus. That was our first encounter with Emil.

“Hellooooo,” he said in a booming voice as he leaped onto the bus. “Welcome to Egypt!” In warm and energetic tones, he explained that we would be traveling from the East side to the West side of Cairo where we were to check into our hotel. I so looked forward to a hot shower, cool Egyptian sheets and a good night’s sleep. The ride took a little over a half hour, which offered us a chance to get our first close look at Cairo from the air-conditioned sanctuary of our minibus. Traffic, as one might expect, was frightening. Emil explained, though, that it was actually safer to drive in Egypt than in the U.S. “We expect mistakes, so we drive with more caution,” Emil said under a broad uneven smile. I think “intuition” would be a better choice of words rather than “caution.” In any event, we did not see a single traffic accident during our stay. I guess whether it’s caution, intuition or a little bit of both, it seems to work pretty well.

*Emil*

The highway's corridor was lined with high-rise apartment buildings. Clothes lines hung with shirts and towels connected the towers like spider webs. Carpets draped over window sills, and rebar, bent and uneven, waited silently for brick and mortar. Emil explained that if construction projects are completed in Egypt, taxes must be paid, but if they are not completed, taxes are not paid. As a result, buildings remain unfinished, unpainted, and unloved on all exteriors. The tenements of Cairo were not as visible through its smoky vale as were the small produce markets that cut deep greens and bright colors into the landscape below the freeway.

Dean and I were awed by the *City of the Dead*. This "city" is actually a vast and living cemetery of above-ground tombs. According to Emil, after Jerusalem conquered part of the West Bank in 1967, three million Palestinians fled to Egypt. There was no place to put them except in the City of the Dead. So, to this day, Palestinians dwell in the tombs of ancient and not-so ancient Egyptians who have passed. These residents tend to the tombs by keeping them clean. Once in awhile, they are asked to temporarily vacate so that the family can have a funeral service for a recently departed loved one. After the service, the living family returns. The site was a spectacle encompassing acres, perhaps even square miles, of mud-brick tombs in every shade of dust, a flat landscape interrupted only by the minarets of mosques.

In stark contrast, children on donkeys, water buffalo, and camels adorned in bright garlands and tassels trod through the city like a macabre parade. Life in Cairo seems to be a teeming mixture of tradition, ancient history and a 21st century struggle to survive in a conflicted geo-political environment.

Suddenly, the Pyramids loomed before us like a mirage. We were in the village of Giza, and its Great Pyramids humbled office buildings, housing and grocery stores, proud testaments to their past and present grandeur and superiority. Exhausted by now, it was such a relief to drive through our

hotel's gated entryway and to realize that we were staying on palatial grounds in the Great Pyramid's magnificent shadow. The Mena House is truly one of Egypt's premier destinations and, all by itself, well worth the trip.

Its walls gilded; its chandeliers imported from India; its furniture arabesque from long forgotten days. This is the Mena House, an oasis of gracious hospitality and old world charm. Today, it is listed as one of the top five most famous hotels in the world, and a destination all unto itself. Built in 1886, The Mena House was host to the rich and famous who enjoyed "wintering" in Egypt. During WWI, the hotel housed Australian and British troops. During WWII, it served as a hospital and welcomed Winston Churchill as a frequent guest. Some of its other famous guests were: King Farouk, Lawrence of Arabia, President Roosevelt, British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery, Anwar Sadat, Menachim Begin, Jimmy Carter the Queen of Spain, the Prince of Wales, Barbara Bush, Julio Iglesias, Gloria

*The Mena House: View from our room*

Gaynor, Frank Sinatra, Charlton Heston, John Travolta, Earth Wind & Fire, The Village People, The Grateful Dead, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the Shah of Persia, Charlie Chaplin, President Nixon, Robert Taylor, Roger Moore, Sir Peter Ustinov, King Zog, Queen Geraldine of Albania, His Imperial Highness and Crown Prince of Japan, Omar Sheriff, Jane Fonda, Claudia Schiffer and, now, Dean and Allyn Jones. (The Mena House Treasury, by Andreas Augustin)

There was a brief meeting in the grand hotel's lobby restaurant where Emil made it clear that no matter what, we had to be on time or he would leave us behind. His words "trust me" became synonymous for his insistence upon our punctuality and staying close to him. Fair enough.

Travel worn and culture shocked, mercifully, we were finally given our keys. No hot shower and cool sheets yet, there was only just enough time for a spit bath and a quick change for dinner and an orientation meeting. We sat down to dinner with Vicki, Paul, and Michala, at the restaurant upstairs in the Garden Court, a large, rectangular glass room

with splendid garden views and crisp white table clothes. Unbelievably, the Great Pyramid was visible from our table. A polished waiter in a sort of bellhop uniform brought us curried couscous, barbecued chicken and fresh salads. With the exception of Michala, who is an experienced traveler to Egypt, we all had our first taste of some of Egypt's finest cuisine, which was refreshing and delicious.

An orientation meeting was scheduled after dinner, but we had no idea that it would include a tour of the hotel hosted by Mohammed. Mohammed, the owner of Quest Travel, our Egyptian guides, is a stocky yet elegant man in his fifties with black hair and a shock of gray over his right eye. Dressed in a crisp black suit and tie, Mohammed gestured gracefully and spoke softly as he led us through the backdoors and subterranean passages of the palace that is the Mena House. Made to feel like foreign dignitaries, we were shown grand ballrooms glittering in gold and crystal. There were drop-panel ceilings that allowed brides and grooms, doves, balloons and birthday cakes to emerge from above. Hallways shimmered in gold as light escaped from backlit filigreed panels. One of the five restaurants at the Mena House, Al Rubayyat (Omar Khayyam's play), was where Sadat, Begin, and Carter were entertained during the Middle East Peace Agreement of 1979.

It was evening by now. Candles were lit and fresh lotus floated in crystal bowls of water. Mohamed went on to explain Egypt's global position from his point of view. Because Egypt bridges the East and the West, it is a conglomeration of both cultures. At this point in history, its only source of income is tourism. Without tourism, Egypt dies. Because of that fact, Mohammed made it clear that it is Egypt's intention to protect tourism at all costs. He then emphasized that Egyptians want to be called Egyptians, not Arabs. "Call us Africans. Call us Asians. Tell us to go to hell, but don't call us Arabs. We are Egyptians, and we want peace."

This was a special tour. As we later learned in this trip, this tour was only one of the ways in which we were treated as privileged and honored guests, or at least that was how we were meant to feel. We had a long orientation meeting in one of the private rooms deep within the bowels of the pal-



Mosque...a call to prayer

ace. Very late by now, (one fellow in our group even fell asleep and snored loudly during our orientation) we were finally excused to go to our rooms. The shower was hot and the fine Egyptian sheets cool but, after not having slept on the plane and getting very little rest the day before, I was overtired and sleep did not come easily.

It was 4:00 am. A single voice praising Allah wafted into our consciousness through the open door onto our balcony.

That single voice was joined very quickly by a chorus of voices. The crescendo was like the rumble of an oncoming earthquake. We went to the balcony expecting to see a throng of people outside bowing to the East in praise of Allah, but as we stood outside in the clamor and wind of a prayer that filled our senses, we saw only the silhouettes of palm trees as the throng of voices grew yet louder. It was as if all of Cairo, all 15 million of them, chanted in deep baritone tones at once. The sound could actually be felt from deep within our bodies, much like the base tones pulsating from a loud speaker at a rock concert. The palm trees gently swayed in the moonlight as the sound became deafening, almost frightening. It was like nothing I've ever heard before on earth. I could not fall asleep again.

Day 1 - Saqqara and Dahshur

By 6:00 am, we were up and ready for our first excursion. We were to meet at the front lobby at 7:00. Until then, breakfast was available in another garden restaurant nearer to our room and on the ground floor overlooking the hotel's Palm



Dahshur

Court. We sat outside in the cool morning sun sipping strong hot tea, which I took with cream and lots of sugar. Our gracious servers wore smiles and pressed navy blue suits, and the view of the Great Pyramid was spectacular in Mena House tradition. For breakfast, we were offered an array of

American, European and Egyptian food. We opted for an Egyptian breakfast of fresh falafel, a crispy deep-fried bean paste, with tahini, a sesame seed paste, fresh tomatoes and feta cheese made from water buffalo. Delicious!

We begin our journey into Egypt's past by visiting the oldest pyramid/temple complex in the ancient world, Saqqara, built by Pharaoh Djoser of the 3rd Dynasty. The famous marble and limestone Step Pyramid, designed by Imhotep, later became the template for pyramids to follow, or so the story goes.



Step Pyramid



Life (delta) Death (desert)

midst were ever tombs. They are temples where great men chose to be buried, much like the Popes are buried at the Vatican. These temples are always built in the desert, not on the grassy and fertile farmlands that could be utilized for growing food. The temples are built in the land of the dead, not the land of the living. To this day, fertile land adjacent to the Nile is used only for growing. Egyptians are not even allowed to build homes on this greenbelt. If they must dwell on the greenbelt, they may only do so by building a

Before we entered the complex, Emil explained to us that everything in Egypt is considered in terms of "as above, so below." The Egyptians believed that the Mediterranean sea is like Heaven, the two arms of the Nile like the arms, and the two arms of the Nile in Southern Egypt like the feet of a man. When Osiris was cut up, temples were built where the pieces of his body came to rest. Saqqara was built where a man's head and neck would be on Egypt's "map" around the third-eye chakra. There is no archeological proof that pyra-



Selling Peace...one smile at a time



"as above so below"



Hieroglyphs at Dahshur

barn-type structure or “manger” in order to house their livestock and share the space with their animals.

We enjoyed our drive through the countryside to our first destination. It was clear by now that Emil had a flare for the dramatic. Handling the microphone with his right hand, his left hand engages in gesturing that combines the fluidity of Italian and precision Tai Kwon Do. Standing about 5’9” Emil is stocky and wide. His arms are long and his gate lists a bit to the right from a slopping shoulder. Emil always wears a short-sleeved shirt, long pants and never a hat so his balding head and face are darkened by the sun as well as his neck and arms. Almond eyes radiate golden amber under his thick lashes. His broad nose and uneven mouth lift and curl as he grins, which is his usual expression. Emil is a happy man.

“Come quickly,” Emil said, flapping his fingers at his ears. “Trust me.” We march in step behind him and enter hesitantly into the ancient past. “Welcome to the ‘Temple of Remembering,’” Emil called it. The temple was cool and dark. Emil explained that the hieroglyphics in this temple and others record the life and times of the person or god remembered in them, in this case, Pharaoh Djoser. Running my hands across the cool, smooth landscapes of these timeworn messages, depicting the life and times of its subject, I had to remind myself that these were not replicas. These were not pictures in National Geographic. We were standing in a temple dating back thousands of years, inhaling its ancient dust particles and sensing a way of life that has cast its long shadow upon every corridor of our present civilization Toto, we are not in Kansas anymore. This is Egypt!



Climbing the Red Pyramid

Nearby is a colonnade where Michala, our spiritual guide, demonstrated that a pendulum would swing between the columns and not swing between the open spaces, showing the presence of transformational energies contained in the temple’s physical structure. We ventured into another temple where a pattern of five-pointed stars adorned the ceiling. These stars each contain a small circle within their center. It is said that they represent the divinity within mankind and, in my observation, may be the ancestors of today’s pentacle, representing the same. There was also a “temple of sound” containing special niches that enables one standing within to hear sounds for miles. When I stood in one, I could hear the call to prayer in Cairo. In one of the courtyards, there was a ceremonial place where the Pharaoh was to wrestle and overcome a bull in order to be eligible to renew his station. Finally, we took a short walk through the desert sands

to a small and crumbling rock altar that is considered to be the heart chakra of the Giza area. Quietly, we sat there for a few moments in the stillness to pay respect to the souls who perhaps still dwell in this land and to ponder the complexities of the past.

A short bus drive away, we came to another area, Dahshur. We visited the Red Pyramid, called so because of the red granite from which it was made. Built by Senefru, father of Knufu, this pyramid was the first one that we climbed. At the top of a wooden stairway, we found a room that was difficult to visit for long because the ammonia from the bat guano was difficult to breath. Nearby was the famous Bent Pyramid and a third pyramid that was badly deteriorated by time and erosion. There was originally a



Meditation



Bent Pyramid

Dean Jones, Ally McCray, Michala Perreault
& Cary Niehans

channel connecting these last two pyramids. Emil told us that Egyptologists have identified 111 pyramids in Egypt, but there may be countless others buried beneath the sand that may never be unearthed. He further explained that some pyramids were covered in alabaster and some in onyx and gold. They were polished brilliantly enough to reflect the night skies. One can only imagine the beauty and extravagance of these temple complexes in their day.

We drove to yet another site where twin “mystery pyramids” stood. Emil said that to date archeologists do not understand anything about why these pyramids exist other than they seem to be related to each other. Perhaps one is masculine and one is feminine. One of the guards found and killed a scorpion in the sand at this site much to Emil’s displeasure. Emil felt that it was a special sign that a scorpion should appear because, in all the years he had visited this site, he had not seen one. I found fragments of a seashell on one of the pyramids. Emil found this interesting and said that certainly this land could have been covered by water at one time. I kept the shell fragments with Emil’s permission.



Descending the Red Pyramid

Speaking of permission: “It is easier to ask forgiveness than it is to ask permission,” or so the saying goes. By that, Emil wanted us to do whatever it was we wanted to do without asking him. If we asked, chances are he would be compelled to deny our request. If we didn’t ask, however, Emil could tell us to stop and forgive us our error without personal responsibility. This rule was particularly applicable to taking photographs, which are forbidden in certain areas. We took them anyway most of the time.

The etymology of the word “creator” in the ancient Egyptian language means “with his mouth” (the “word” of God). The creator made male and female (Adam and Eve). They had five children: Osiris, Isis, Set, Nephthys and Horus. Horus, however, was not born. Osiris and Isis were born in love. Osiris, was the eldest of the four and inherited the kingship of the earth. Under the rule of Osiris and Isis, his sister and consort, humankind was blessed with peace and prosperity (Garden of Eden). Set became jealous and killed Osiris (Cane and Able) cutting him into pieces and scattering his parts throughout Egypt. Isis and her sister went about putting Osiris back together and found all his parts except his male organ. Isis solicited the help of the clay-making god, Khnum, to reconstruct a penis. After this task was completed, Isis came to Osiris as a kite, a female hawk, and rested upon his member thereby impregnating herself (Immaculate Conception) with Horus (Jesus Savior) who united Northern and Southern Egypt. All pharaohs are thereafter descendants of Horus the falcon, and all struggle between good and evil is represented by Osiris and Set. All



Security...everywhere!

this was laid out for us by Emil who clearly drew parallels between the Egyptian story of the savior and the Christian story of the savior also pointing out that the “trinity” of Osiris, Isis and Horus is counterpart and perhaps parent to Christianity’s Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit originally being the Queen Mother, Holy Mary.

It was on this day that Dean and I realized the extent of our security. There is a police car with us always with as many as three or four armed guards. Guards baring AK47’s are

with us wherever we walk as well. Dean discovered that an American dollar is always accepted with a smile from the guards and that it

will buy you special attention and protection. One of our guards risked his life to stop a bus so that we could cross the street safely. They take their jobs very seriously because nobody wants to lose a tourist on their watch. Because tourism is Egypt's life blood, there is too much as stake for Egypt to have a tourist

harmed in any way We were told that if any Egyptian would steel the purse of a tourist, they may risk getting their hands chopped off. If one should rape a tourist, they may lose their lives. We always left our belongings behind us in the minibus as we were assured that they would be quite safe there and, indeed, it was so.

On the way back from the Saqqara/Dahshur complex, we toured a local rug-making factory. Egypt is known the world over for wonderful cotton. Their carpets are made of the finest cotton, wool and silk and beautifully crafted in traditional oriental and individual designs. The apprentices, who are young children, are quick to invite you to their benches. Their delicate fingers weave like magic and they seemed to enjoy their work. In Egypt there is a form of public education, but many of the children opt to go from there into "technical schools" or "trade schools" if their families cannot afford to send them to schools for higher education.



Mena House Pool

We went to lunch at the Saqqara Restaurant where lively musicians greeted us with tambourines and drums. A woman knelt before an outside oven making bread. She offered us hot pita as a greeting and flirted outrageously with Dean while doing so.

In the afternoon, Dean and I enjoyed the pool at the Mena House, which is the largest in Egypt. When the Mena House first installed a pool in 1890, it was the only hotel in Egypt to have one. This was done in an attempt to encourage "wintering" tourists to stay during the summer months as well.

In the evening, we were off to Christo's, a seafood restaurant in downtown Giza. While rooftop dining, we could easily view the pyramids as they disappeared and reappeared in their nighttime light show. Dinner began with a round of pita bread and tahini, picked vegetables and roasted baby eggplant. The main course featured barbequed fish and chicken, rice, and potatoes. Bananas are a staple for dessert. Our beverages were a choice



Dean with Sheesha



Rug Making

between mint tea, karkadee (a deep red sugary tea of hibiscus and tamarisk served hot or cold) Turkish coffee, Nescafe, or espresso. For a special treat, sheesha was available, too. Sheesha is a large, hooka pipe in which flavored tobacco is smoked. Dean and I are sure that under certain circumstances other things are smoked; but in restaurants, you can be assured that what you are smoking is a mixture of tobacco, molasses, and a special flavor like apple or cherry. Dean and I partook of this cultural experience, and the sensation that followed I would describe as "lightheaded." ❁

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Cycles – 2006

Christopher Gibson

The word “Mundane” has its etymological origins in the Latin *mundus* meaning “world.” Mundane astrology is therefore the study of world events. In Mundane Astrology we look at celestial influences as they impact corporate entities such as countries, cities, and communities. We determine what trends will be taking place within a country by progressing its birth-chart and analyzing the planetary positions and aspects.

Cycle charts are astrological charts calculated for the moment a planet passes over the equator from south to north declination. They are of great importance in determining events of the nature ruled by the planet. Since birth charts are not always readily available for specific countries the cycle charts are often the only means we have for forecasting general trends in society. The activities ruled by major progressions of the natal charts of countries and the transiting progressions of the cycle chart combine to form trends of societal thought and action. These are the topics that show up in the news as either events or topics of current interest. It is a fascinating process to follow the mundane charts and the daily news reports and headlines. There is not sufficient space in this article to discuss each and every cycle chart and aspect in detail. However by focusing on a few key areas we hope this prompts the reader to do further research on their own.

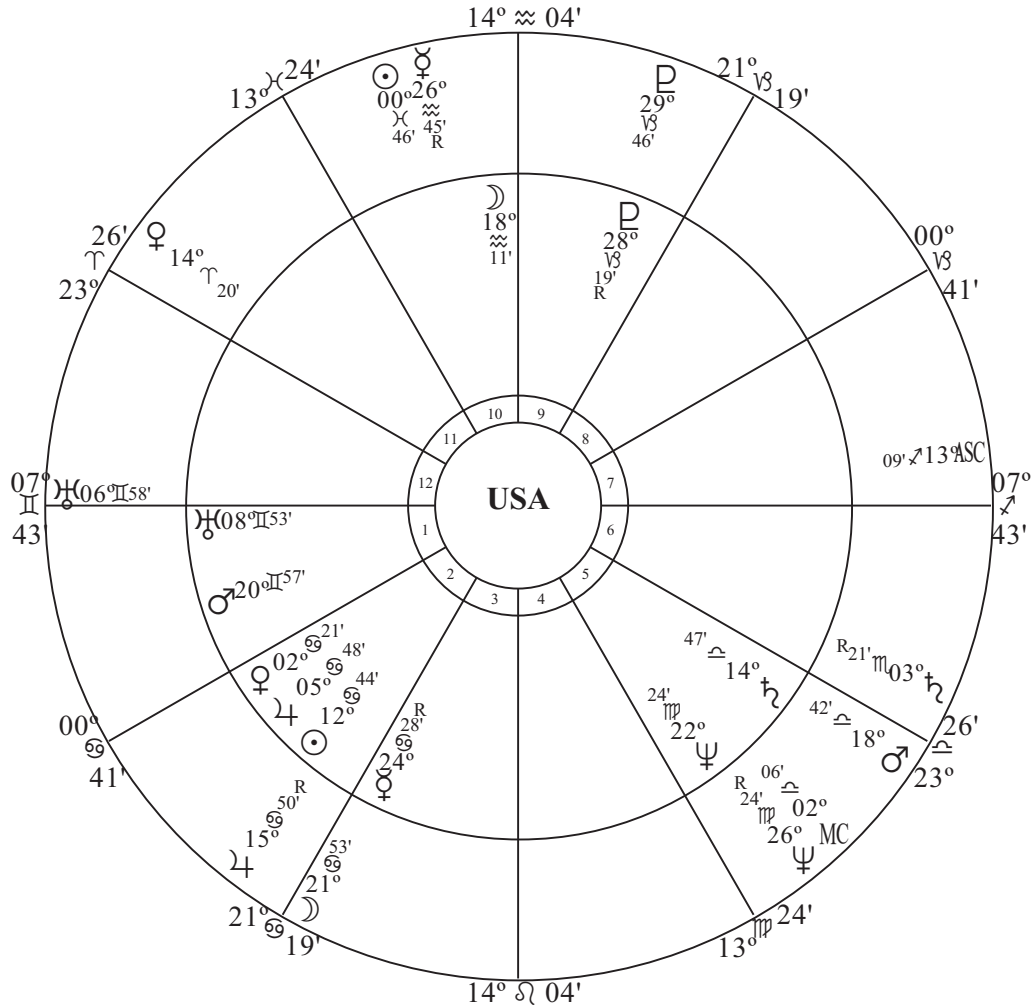
In *Mundane Astrology*, C. C. Zain gives the birth chart of the United States as July 4, 1776 at 2:13 A.M. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This chart notes the Ascendant as 7° Gemini 35'. For those seeking further discussion on the origins of this chart we refer you to Spring 2005 issue of the Church of Light Quarterly Vol. 80, No. 2. This chart always attracts a certain degree of controversy; however C. C. Zain used this chart to make predictions with great accuracy. When looking at the USA chart or the birth chart of any nation we determine current events by major progressions.

Major, or Secondary progressions are calculated by one year equals each degree the Sun moves forward after birth. Each day after birth is roughly equivalent to one year of progressions.

During 2006 the planet Venus is quite active. In the natal chart she is the chief ruler of the second house of finances. In *Mundane Astrology*, C. C. Zain describes the second house as being “The wealth and personal property of the people, the national treasury, banks, non-speculative bonds and securities, financial transactions, and places where money and securities are handled.” Throughout the year we can expect to see the economy as a dominant factor in the news. Venus is the chief ruler of the sixth house of health, the labor force, pharmaceuticals, small animals, the armed services and civil servants as Libra is on the cusp of that house and it is unoccupied. Venus is also the co-ruler of the twelfth house of prisons hospitals, livestock, and secret enemies as Taurus is intercepted in that house. We can expect all of these topics to appear in the news at different times this year.

One of the more prominent aspects began at the end of September, 2005 when Venus the social planet progressing through the eleventh house of congress and ambassadors sent to foreign countries entered opposition with natal Saturn the planet of orthodoxy and the conservative element in politics. In the USA chart Saturn falls in the fifth house of the stock market and speculation, schools and places where children congregate, the entertainment industry, and foreign ambassadors. Curiously enough the week this aspect entered orb the White house sent Karen Hughes, the U.S. State Department’s top public relations envoy on a tour of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey to help improve America’s image in Muslim nations. This aspect peaks in August of this year and leaves orb at the end of June in 2007.





USA

July 4, 1776

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progressed to 3-20-06

PLANETS

	Power	%	Harmony
♁	72.73	12.1	-1.50
☾	68.12	11.3	14.97
MC	62.60	10.4	14.16
♀	55.98	9.3	8.86
♃	53.99	9.0	24.84
♁	53.01	8.8	7.64
ASC	49.51	8.2	5.68
♂	47.31	7.8	2.79
☉	44.63	7.4	-4.36
♁	41.19	6.8	-3.12
♀	28.59	4.7	-5.87
♁	<u>25.43</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>-8.39</u>
	603.09	100.0	55.68

HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
1	189.54	20.3	8.88
2	188.66	20.2	36.82
10	155.80	16.7	31.73
5	87.03	9.3	-8.54
9	64.84	6.9	-1.73
3	62.65	6.7	1.61
12	50.36	5.4	1.46
6	42.23	4.5	3.85
7	26.99	2.9	12.42
8	23.65	2.5	1.39
4	22.31	2.4	-2.18
11	19.85	2.1	4.11

SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
♋	251.31	26.9	38.43
♌	189.54	20.3	8.88
♍	155.80	16.7	31.73
♎	88.50	9.5	-0.34
♏	75.30	8.1	7.22
♐	39.72	4.3	-11.32
♑	36.37	3.9	-0.75
♒	26.99	2.9	12.42
♓	22.31	2.4	-2.18
♈	19.85	2.1	4.11
♉	14.24	1.5	-0.58
♊	14.00	1.5	2.22

As Capricorn falls on the cusp of the eighth house of debts and the death-rate we can also expect to see some startling news in this arena. In November 2005, ABC News reported on the alarming rise in the U.S. infant mortality rate for the first time since 1958. Socioeconomic status appears to be a factor with African Americans and Native Americans experiencing the highest rates. The safety of children in schools will also be a hot topic for the duration of this aspect.

The National Debt is governed by Saturn and will continue to be a factor. Since September 30, 2005 it has continued to rise at an alarming \$2.06 billion per day. It is currently estimated that each citizen's share of this debt is \$28,011.46. One might also expect to see a huge increase in interest rates with the opposition to Saturn, however Venus as the "Lesser Benefic" is one of the more harmonious planets in the natal chart and the rise in interest rates has been more gradual.

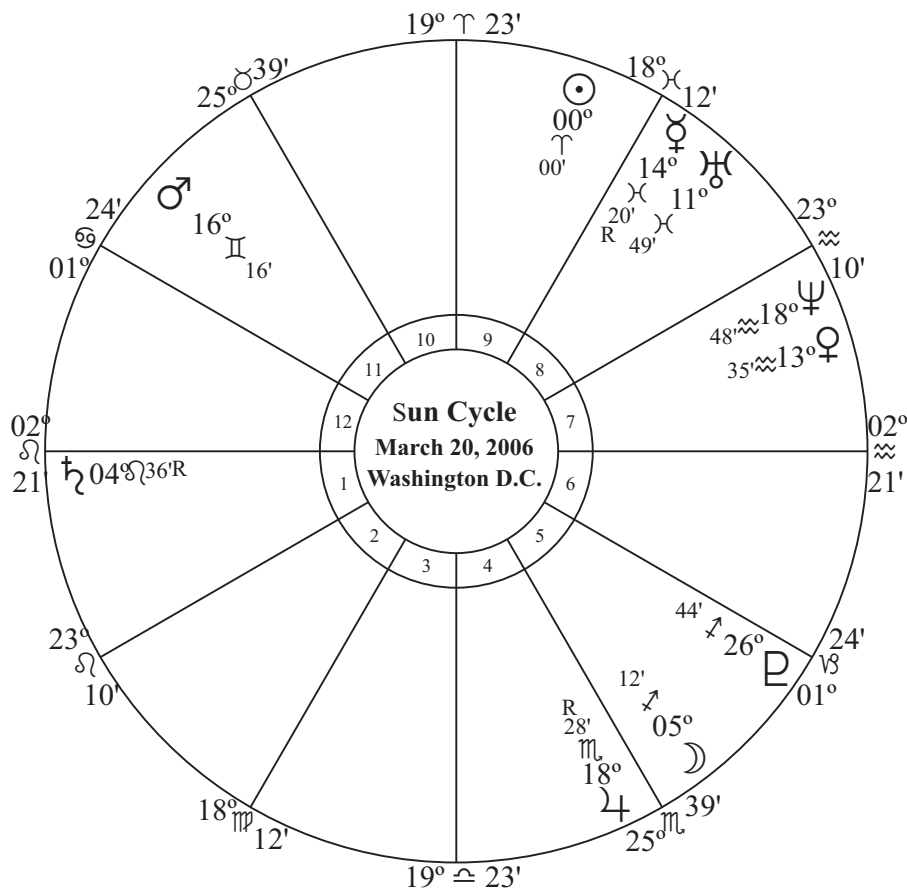
In mid-August Venus will enter a square aspect with progressed Jupiter which remains in orb until April 2008. Jupiter both natal and progressed is in the second house of finance and also rules the seventh house of foreign countries, war and international disputes. We can expect to see

less public sympathy while this aspect is in orb on the cost of maintaining troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. As the seventh house also rules marriage and divorce, these topics could creep into the news over the next two years.

The cycle chart for the Sun indicates the activities of political authorities and rulers of a country. The house positions and transiting aspects formed by the Sun indicate the trends of events to be attracted by those in power.

This year the Sun Cycle chart for Washington D.C. commences March 20, at 1:27 P.M. EST. This places the Sun in the ninth house of international commerce, foreign policy, the media, the Supreme Court; churches, religion, religious leaders; teachers, lecturers, the publishing industry, public relations and advertising. Some topic that might become newsworthy could include the court system and the teaching of "Intelligent Design" (Creationism) in the public school system.

As the Sun progress forward through the chart during the year the house position that it occupies by transiting motion can be indicative of topics in the news. For example: the



Sun Cycle
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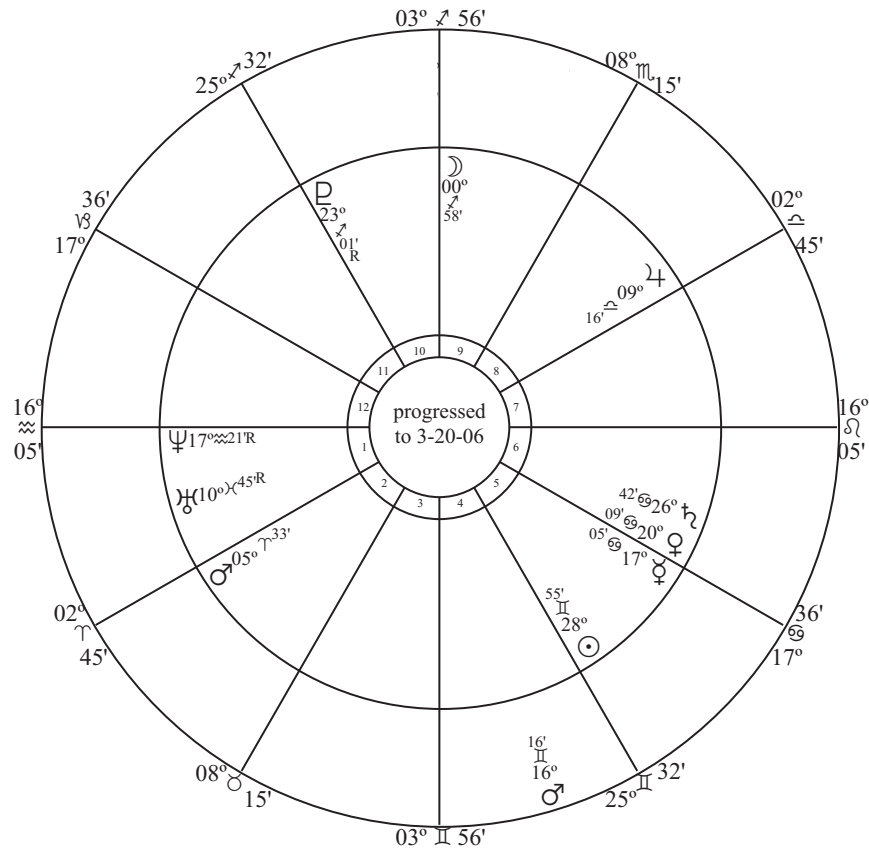
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♐	15S21
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♓	19N38

**Mars Cycle
Washington D.C.**

June 20, 2005
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Data: *Tables of Planetary
Phenomena*, 2nd Edition
by Neil Michelsen &
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♆	21N03	
♁	08S15	
♂	15S45	
♁	14S59	
MC	20S56	
ASC	16S01	



Sun will be in the tenth house April 9th – May 15th, placing attention on the President and the position of U. S. business in world affairs. When progressing the Sun Cycle Chart special attention should be placed on the aspects forming between the transiting Sun and natal planets especially conjunctions and oppositions as these show noteworthy events.

Around May 9th the Sun opposes Jupiter in the fourth house of real estate and agriculture. We can expect to see both topics come before the public eye. May 15th to June 21st the Sun transits the eleventh house of the chart emphasizing congress and foreign embassies. Between June 6th and 8th the Sun will pass over Mars in the eleventh house making foreign embassies or their staff very vulnerable to attack.

From June 21st to July 25th the Sun will pass through the twelfth house which could bring topics of national intelligence, terrorism or prison reform into the foreground. On July 25th the Sun moves into the first house of the chart and conjuncts Saturn two days later. This is a time where matters of public health could be brought into question. Subject matter concerning childhood inoculations, epidemics,

avian flu, and germ warfare could make it to the news. One can continue this process for the remainder of the solar year by progressing the Sun through the houses and noting the conjunctions and oppositions thus formed.

The Mars Cycle Chart is another chart that is worthy of attention, especially due to the fact that our nation is currently engaged in armed conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mars however can figure prominently in any death toll or disaster that is not due to war. For example, February 25th – April 6th progressed Mars in the cycle chart was moving through the 4th house of land, homes, and the weather. Unseasonably warm weather spawned a higher number of killer tornadoes in March and April. Mars was in opposition to Pluto March 31st – April 3rd. April 2nd a major outbreak of 56 tornados left 28 persons dead.

Mars tends towards strife, violence and accidents regardless of his house position. As Mars moves through the 6th house of the armed forces, May 13th – June 30th the news may focus on the American death toll in Iraq which currently stands at over 2,400. June 28th – July 1st Mars is in

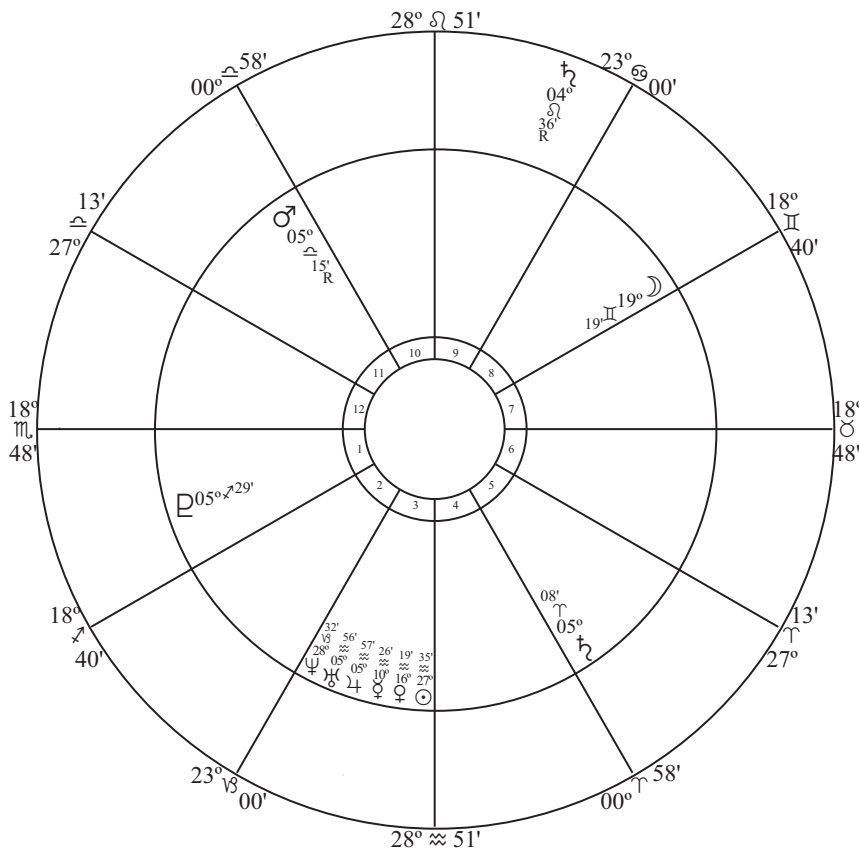
opposition to the ascendant in the cycle chart which might spark a period of excessive casualties. In the Cycle chart Mars is in the 2nd house of finances and the escalating cost of the war will continue to be a national preoccupation.

The price of oil and gas should figure prominently in the news through the end of the summer. Neptune, the planet ruling petroleum is in the 5th house of the cycle chart which rules speculation and gambling. Since March of 2003 Neptune has been transiting the 10th house of this chart placing oil and gas in the public eye. In September 2003 the price of standard crude oil on NYMEX was under \$25 a barrel. By August, 2005, the price of crude oil went over \$60 a barrel. Crude oil reached a record price of \$75.35 per barrel on April 21, 2006 while Neptune was in opposition to Jupiter the planet of expansion and higher prices. This aspect continues through the end of August so summer travelers will

continue to make sacrifices at the pump and oil companies will report record earnings.

We might also see record earnings at the box office this summer as Neptune the planet of drama conjuncts Venus in the 10th house July 5th – September 25th. Prominent female entertainers could also be in the spotlight during this time.

Overall, 2006 promises to be a dramatic year with rising interest rates and fuel costs, the escalating cost of war and loss of life, and reports of unusual violent weather continuing in the news. 🦋



Saturn Cycle Washington D.C.

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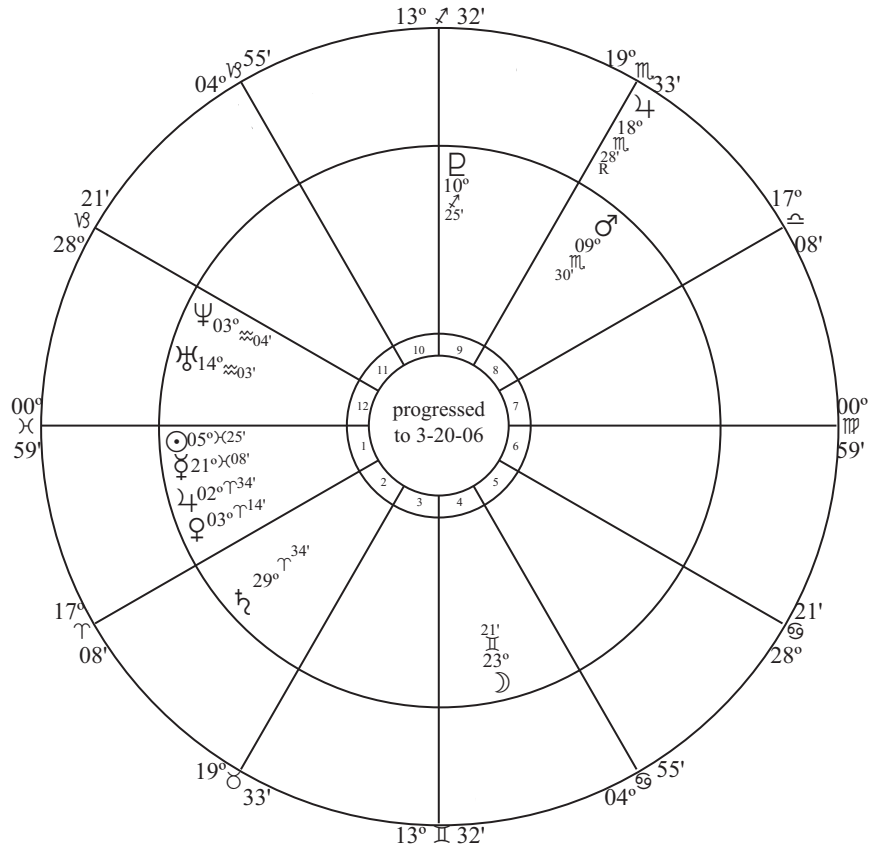
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**Jupiter Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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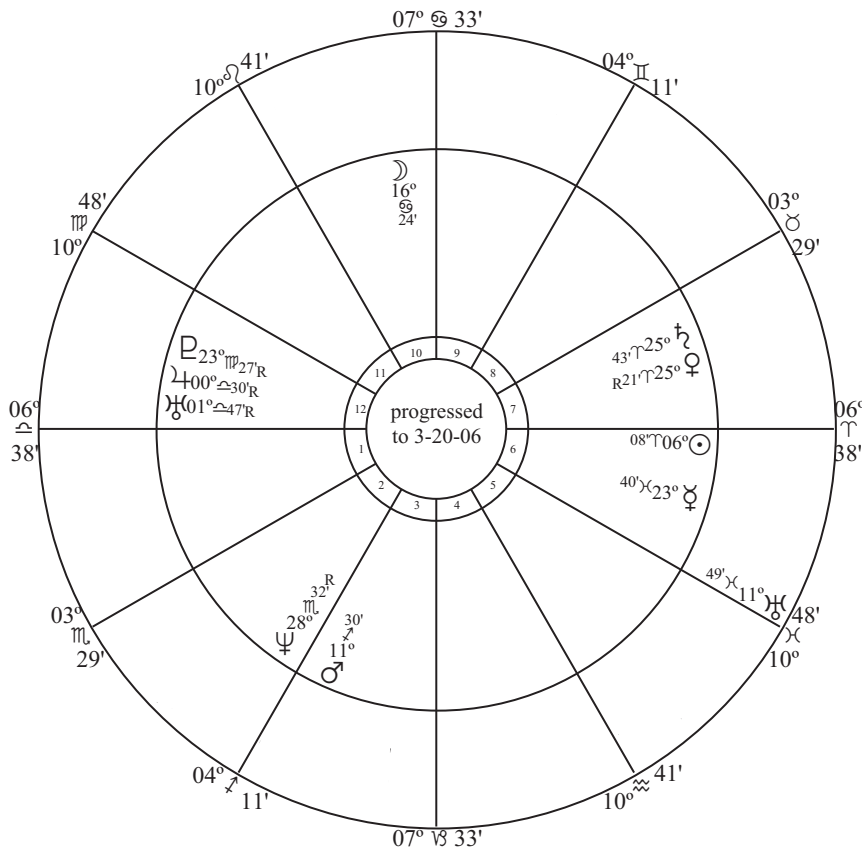
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♁	09N10	
♂	17S13	
♆	19S11	
♁	10S32	
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ASC	11S08	



**Uranus Cycle
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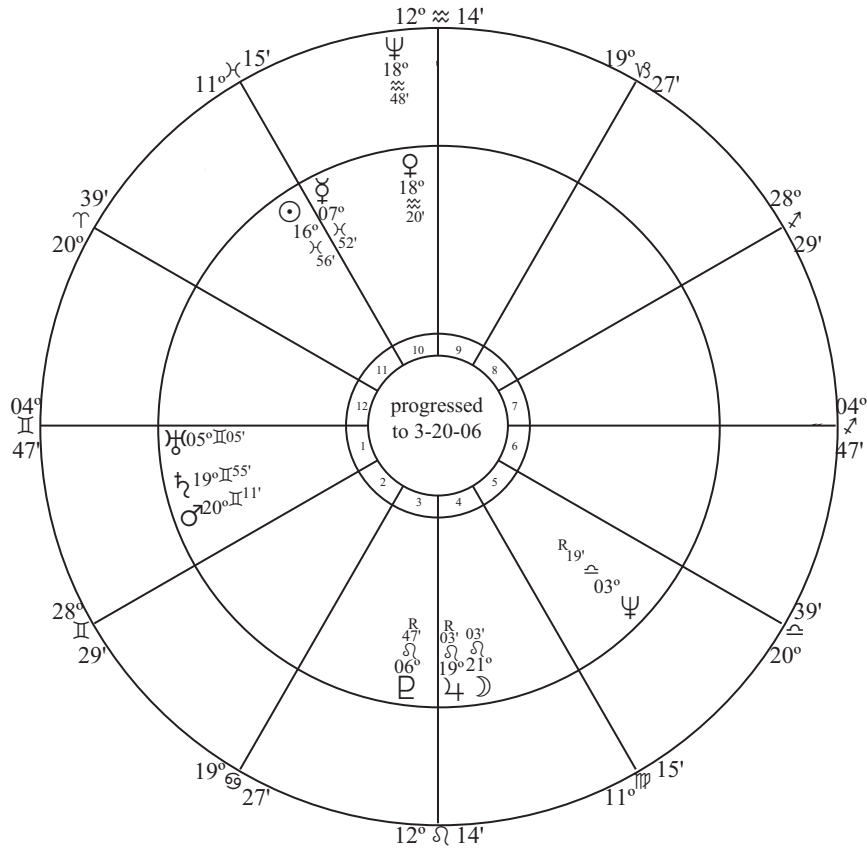
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**Neptune Cycle
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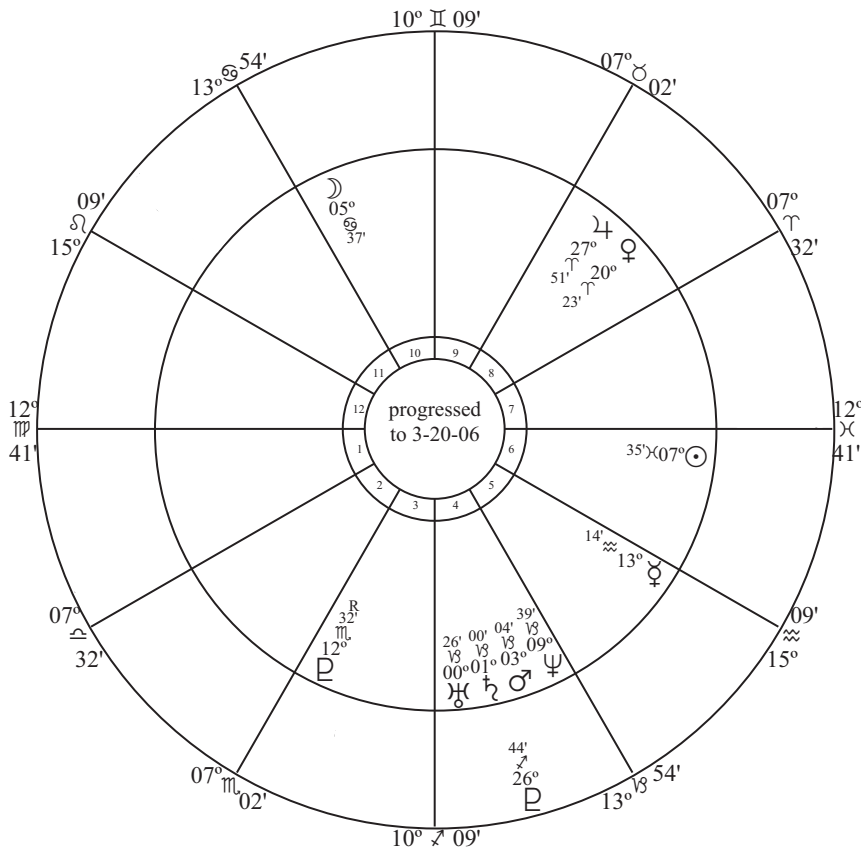
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**Pluto Cycle
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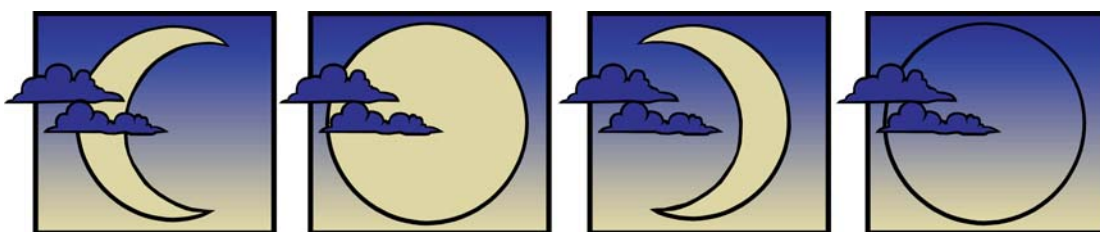
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♆	09N44	
♁	22S19	
♂	23S37	
♆	22S08	
♁	00N00	15S49
♁	21N59	
♁	06N48	

The Influence of the Planets in Mundane Astrology

Symbol	Planet	Influence
☉	Sun	A progressed aspect to the Sun in a cycle chart, regardless of the house it occupies, tends to events in which those in power, particularly those high in politics, are affected.
☾	Moon	A progressed aspect to the Moon in a cycle chart, no matter what house it is in, tends to affect a large number of people.
☿	Mercury	A progressed aspect to Mercury in a cycle chart, irrespective of the house it occupies, tends to give rise to much talk, and usually to controversy.
♀	Venus	A progressed aspect to Venus in a cycle chart, regardless of the house it occupies, tends to events which affect women.
♂	Mars	A progressed aspect to Mars in a cycle chart, whatever the house it holds, tends to strife, violence and accidents.
♃	Jupiter	A progressed aspect to Jupiter in a cycle chart, irrespective of the house it is in, tends to events affecting finances. Under such an aspect the trend is toward expansion, expenditures and higher prices.
♄	Saturn	A progressed aspect to Saturn in a cycle chart, no matter what house it occupies, has an influence over labor and tends toward contraction, economy, loss and lower prices.
♅	Uranus	A progressed aspect to Uranus in a cycle chart, regardless of the house it holds, tends to bring radical activities and to bring an expose.
♆	Neptune	A progressed aspect to Neptune, whatever house it may be in, tends to events affecting aviation and the moving picture industry.
♇	Pluto	A progressed aspect to Pluto, regardless of the house it occupies, tends to bring events in which drastic action and cooperation of some kind play a part.





Membership Room



Change of Address

Please note that the Church of Light has a new address:

2119 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque, NM, 87106-4072

Telephone: 505-247-1338

A Christening (Naming) Ceremony

The March Sunday service was very special for everyone in attendance. It was the day we all got to share in Robby Grona's naming ceremony. Robby's parents Sherri and Robert brought Robby all the way from Farmington for this special occasion. We all hope Robby's name brings him great good fortune in this life...of course his winning personality will help too!



Robby Grona

Contribute Your Utmost

Member, David Paul of Lancaster, California recently put his name in the hat for Mayor of his city. David, who is a retired director of Environmental Services encountered some traffic related problems and after appearing before the City Council over a period of time decided there had to be a better way for citizens to work with the city government. According to The Antelope Valley News, "Paul's project was started to address traffic problems but evolved into a

mechanism for tackling other social problems in Lancaster." While David did not win the election I'm sure he did increase the consciousness of his fellow citizens. As we Stellarians know, upper-octave folks —those who see the advantage of universal welfare, universal brotherhood and are willing to rearrange the status quo—tend to be a little ahead of the curve. When it comes to vision and progressive thinking the rest of the population is not quite there yet. However, the world still needs people with the courage and willingness to pioneer a progressive vision for a better future.

Below are photographs of David, Allison, Nebo and Clark Paul. Congratulations to the David Paul family for their contribution to making the world a better place to live!



Nebo, David and Clark Paul



Nebo, Allison and Clark Paul

A TOOTS GATHERING

The Church of Light will host The Order of the Sphinx on the weekend of May 20th. This will be the second meeting of the Order since its reorganization. It will be the first under the new leadership. With respect for the individual members, some of whom wish to remain anonymous, HQ would like to congratulate the group on its great beginning! Lots of energy is building and structure developing that bodes well for Stellarian comradeship, informative continuing educational programs and opportunity for personal development.



TOOTS Meeting October 2005

Q & A

Recently a member wrote to HQ for help in responding to the following question:

Q— "These constellation assignments of Zain have always puzzled me because they don't really line up well with the signs. Sagitta, for example, isn't anywhere near Sagittarius. It hangs between Tropical Capricorn and Aquarius and is in sidereal Capricorn."

"So this made me wonder about the entire Zain book, and I shelved it many years ago. The Zain book was written during a period when many occult books were being written and published. The occult sources of most of these books are unknown. Most were published by one of the occult fraternities. So I suppose my thought here is, 'Read and apply with caution.' Did Zain ever really look at a sky map?"

A—Paul Brewer's response: "First of all, C.C. Zain did not make up these constellations. The 48 constellations, including the 36 ultra-zodiacal constellations that correspond to the 36 decanates, go way back, but were codified in the 2nd century by Ptolemy, the famous astronomer/astrologer. Modern astronomers have expanded some of the constellations to include new areas and contracted others to make way for new ones. If you look in a good astronomical field guide, like Peterson, you will see dotted lines that corre-

spond to the area apportioned by modern astronomers to each constellation. To get the original sizes and sequences, one may have to go back to the Alexander Jamieson's 1820 atlas, which has the true constellated pictures, along with Longitude, Latitude, Right Ascension and Declination for each one. Zain says "Where Jamieson obtained these old celestial maps, no one appears to know. But they are the most authentic maps of the heavens we now possess, and are to be found reproduced in Henry Melville's *Veritas*, published in London in 1874.

Astrologers have always used zodiacal longitude and declination, while astronomers today use right ascension and declination to identify the position of a heavenly body. Either coordinate system will work fine, although longitude will be most accurate for identifying the sequence of the 36 ultra-zodiacal constellations, which correspond to each 10 degree section of the zodiac (called a decanate.) The position of the decanate constellations is ordered by celestial longitude. That is, the first constellation is followed by the second and then the third, in increasing celestial longitude—some have northern declinations and some have southerly declinations, but the longitudinal (or right ascension) sequence is what determines the order. The first ultra-zodiacal constellation corresponds to the first decanate of Aries and so on around the Zodiac. While these constellations are not points in space but occupy varying sizes of the celestial sphere, the starting point of any given constellation is somewhat arbitrary. Even so, when one takes the time to actually look at a good star map, it is easy to see the ordering by longitude (or right ascension.) In the example that follows, I will use right ascension because that is what appears on the star maps in Peterson's Stars and Planets field guide (a popular book with both professional and amateur astronomers.) Let's take the three decanates of Sagittarius as an example. (Note that when one is talking about the constellations rather than 'signs', we always refer to sidereal positions—not tropical.) The constellation Sagittarius occupies the space along the zodiac between approximately 18h and 20h of right ascension. (Right ascension, RA, is measured in hours(h), minutes(m) and seconds(s) around the celestial equator, the whole circle being 24 hours. Celestial longitude is measured in degrees, minutes and seconds around the ecliptic or zodiacal circle. Since the distortion in going from one to the other is relatively small, we'll take the easy route here and just use right ascension, although to get more precise ordering, where a question might arise, one should refer to celestial longitude.) The three decanate-constellations of Sagittarius are, in order, Lyra, Aquila and Sagitta. The constellation Lyra is positioned approximately between 18h and 19h RA and its brightest star is Vega at approximately 18h30m. Aquila occupies approximately 19h00m – 20h00m of RA. Its brightest star, Altair, is at approximately 19h50m. Sagitta, a much smaller constellation, occupies the area between 19h40m and 20h00m. Note that all three lie very closely within the RA extent of Sagittarius and the approximate beginning of each constellation follows the prescribed order. All four constellations

vary in declination, i.e., the distance above or below the celestial equator. They are, in effect, stacked one on the other, but staggered in longitude (or RA.). Lyra is the most northerly of the four, followed by Sagitta, Aquila and then Sagittarius. So if you face south in the summer toward Sagittarius and then look straight up high toward the zenith and north, you will see the three decanate constellations. Note that the decanate constellations do not have to fall exactly within the longitudinal bounds of the corresponding zodiacal constellation (although they are all very close), because the longitude of the start of each constellation determines the order. One can easily see this in a good star map, as long as you pay attention to numerical longitude or RA, because some charts are very distorted in order to fit the celestial sphere onto a 2-dimensional piece of paper. So, apparently, Mr. Zain has looked at a star chart."

A New Member writes...

"I have just started reading The Laws of Occultism. I just wanted to say that I truly believe that I have been searching for this knowledge my whole life. I am not very religious, but deeply spiritual. I have been all my life and have always been fascinated by stars, even as a child when I would sometimes speak to the ones I could recognize. I just wanted to pass on my appreciation to you. I believe that with the knowledge I can learn, I will soon know how to better fulfill my true purpose in this world."

YES!!!!

Schedule of Services, Meetings and Classes

SEMINARS

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Beginning Tarot with instructor Christopher Gibson

series beginning May 16 and ending June 22nd. Time: 6:30 P.M. at The Church of Light, 2119 Gold Avenue SE. Call 800 500 0453 for information.

Class schedule slowing down for summer

Full class schedule will resume in September! Call 800 500 0453 for information.

2006 Annual Meeting

Friday, August 4th
1:00 P.M.

40 Mountain Meadows
Cimarron, NM

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OUR MISSION

To teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars, a way of life for the Aquarian Age, outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

WHAT WE TEACH

- There is a loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness expresses through undeviating natural law.
- There is a Divine Plan in which each person has a unique and important role.
- The Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution.
- There is a universal moral code - Contribute Your Utmost To Universal Welfare - which, to the extent adopted by each individual, will make the world a better place to live.
- The Religion of the Stars will evolve by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.
- Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.
- The safe development of extrasensory perception (extension of consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan and for verifying the

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Our vision is to become a significant world religion in the 21st Century, and a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment, by:

- Providing reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;
- Seeking out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death, and the nature of the next life;
- Developing increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion, toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;
- Promoting the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;
- Building a sense of community and spiritual purpose which uplifts and inspires our members to Contribute Their Utmost To Universal Welfare.

